

Application No. 10/028,315  
Amendment dated November 19, 2003  
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**REMARKS**

Claims 6-9, 15-18 and 24-34 are pending in this application, of which claims 6-9, 15-18 and 24-27 have been amended, and claims 29-34 have been added.

Claims 1-3, 8-12, 17-21, 26 and 27 were rejected under 35U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Stipp (5,142,072). Also, claims 1-5, 8-14, 17-23, 26 and 27 were rejected under 35U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Cain (5,681,608).

Claims 1-5, 10-14, 19-23 are cancelled without prejudice. Claims 6, 7, 15, 16, 24, and 25 are amended to rewrite them into independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Amended claims 8, 9, 17, 18, 26 and 27, and added claims 29-34 are depended on the rewritten claims.

In view of the aforementioned amendments, Applicant submits that claims 6-9, 15-18, and 24-34, as herein amended, are in condition for allowance. Applicants request such action at an early date.

If the Examiner believes that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number

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indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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